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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

# May Creek Landfill Cleanup Renton, Washington

### Why is EPA cleaning up the site?

EPA is removing hazardous chemicals from the property at 15753 Renton-Issaquah Road SE in Renton. The site has reportedly operated as an illegal solid waste landfill since the early 1990s. We will also investigate further to determine the extent of contamination in soil, groundwater, or surface water. EPA has determined that the site poses a health risk to people and the environment.

#### What chemicals are on the site?

Sampling and analysis conducted by EPA has determined that flammable, corrosive, and toxic substances were stored in several hundred containers on the property. Harmful metals (lead and cadmium), semi-volatile organic compounds, and petroleum hydrocarbons have been found in soil samples collected from the property.

#### What does this mean for me?

EPA workers are cleaning up the site to prevent people nearby getting exposed to these chemicals. The most risk is to people

For more information about this work go to EPA's website: response.epa.gov/maycreek

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working or living at the site. We'll remove improperly stored containers, test for and remove contaminated soil, and test surface water on the site to determine if there could be any contaminated runoff.

While we are doing the work there will be more truck traffic, lights, and noise. We'll make every effort to minimize inconvenience to the neighbors.

## What is happening at the site?

- EPA workers will collect and safely dispose of chemicals and chemical containers.
- Contaminated material will be transported to a disposal facility that is permitted to handle hazardous material.
- EPA will use heavy equipment to excavate and search the landfill for more chemical containers and collect soil samples.
- EPA will collect surface water samples from ponds, ditches, and creeks on site and at nearby locations to determine if contaminated water is running off the property.
- The work areas will be marked with caution tape and signs. Avoid entering these areas.

EPA will continually monitor the air during the work and take precautions to ensure worker safety and safety of nearby residents.